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THE NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL WAS DEDICATED ON MAY 13, 1998.

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE LIVES WERE TAKEN MUCH TOO SOON WHILE SECURING OUR SAFETY AND FREEDOM.



ALWAYS REMEMBERED

As the statewide Education Consultant for NDOC, I travel from Reno to Las Vegas frequently. My last trip to Las Vegas was like no other. As I was boarding the plane I noticed a soldier sitting in the front seat. He was impeccably dressed in full uniform with the shiniest shoes I had ever seen. His beret was placed at the perfect angle atop his head. His posture was as if he was standing at attention while seated. I felt a sense of pride as I passed him. The seat next to him held a reserved plaque. As I made my way to the rear of the plane, I thought about how lucky we are to have the brave men and women who serve our country and fight for our safety and our freedoms.

Before take off the Captain wished to say a few words regarding this special flight. He announced that he had the privilege and honor to take a soldier to his final resting place; you could hear his voice break as he said those words. He asked us all to remain seated when we landed and to allow the soldier up front to exit the plane. The flight attendant would let us know when it was our time to depart the plane.

The flight to Las Vegas was somber and left each of us to our own thoughts and memories. Once we landed, we all remained seated and you could literally hear a pin drop. As I was looking out of the rear window, I saw the soldier and captain next to the luggage conveyer belt. They were saluting and at full attention, I then realized the soldier's casket was being unloaded. Those of us in the back of the plane were quietly watching the ceremony in front of us. The employees on the tarmac, whether they were in shorts or suits stood at full attention and saluted as the casket made its way down the belt. The soldier fixed the American flag on top of the casket as one corner had come loose. Soon thereafter, I learned that the soldier was one of the National Guardsmen killed during the Carson City IHop shooting and was being taken home for burial.

Ironically I received an e-mail a week later from our HR Administrator asking if I could do an article on our fallen officers in the next newsletter. Thank you for your request, it has been long overdue.



CORRECTION OFFICER'S MEMORIAL WALL

The Correction Officers Memorial Wall was created and is maintained by Officer Jim Holtz. Officer Holtz is employed by New York State Department of Corrections and presently works at Attica Correctional Facility. The Correction Officers Memorial Wall was created from the heart by an Officer for all Officers, employees and deputies who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, communities and families.

"Lest we forget, let us pause to remember those corrections employees who have given the ultimate sacrifice for public safety.

Let us all be encouraged as we remember and honor their legacy of commitment, dedication, and service.

For it is written:

There is no greater love than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends." –Unknown

ALWAYS REMEMBERED

Throughout U.S. history, 571 correctional officers have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) built and dedicated America's national monument to fallen peace officers in 1991, and is now constructing the National Law Enforcement Museum. The National Memorial in Washington, D. C. bears the names of 19,298 Federal, state and local officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first death in 1791.

Legendary actor, and Oscar award-winning director and producer Clint Eastwood is serving as the Honorary Chairman for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum in Washington, DC. At the ground breaking ceremony Eastwood stated, "the National Memorial and Museum are long overdue and richly deserved tributes to the men and women in law enforcement. On average, an officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in America every 53 hours. Some 60,000 officers a year are assaulted resulting in 16,000 injuries. Officer deaths have spiked the past two years, including 102 fatalities already in 2011. Yet, despite those daunting risks, some 800,000 men and women go out every day to serve and protect us. I am deeply honored to help tell their heroic story of service and sacrifice."

The Museum will feature an extensive and exciting look at the corrections profession. There, visitors will learn the history of corrections, experience the sights and sounds of a correctional facility, become inspired by the stories of men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for others, and hear firsthand accounts from the outstanding professionals who assume the risks and accept the challenges of working in correctional institutions across our nation. As of April 2010, Nevada has lost 114 Law Officers in the line of duty. Their names are listed below.

SINCE 1871, 114 NEVADA LAW OFFICERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR ALL:

1861	BLACKBURN, John L.	Sheriff	Ormsby
1863	McMAHON, Dennis	Police Officer	Virginia City PD
1863	REED, John	Police Officer	Virginia City PD
1866	GREGORY, Uriah Sandifer	Jailer	Storey SD
1866	ROGERS, George	Sheriff	Lincoln SD
1867	RYAN, Richard	Constable	Nye SD
1867	SMITH, Timothy B.	Sheriff	Ormsby SD
1868	WILLIAMS, Walter	Posse Member	Storey SD
1869	SHELDON, S.D.	Deputy	Elko SD
1871	ISSACS, F.M.*	Guard	Nevada DOP
1874	ELLIS, J.J.	Undersheriff	Elko SD
1876	KELLY, William J.	Police Officer	Austin PD
1878	HOUSTON, Nelson	Constable	Ward PD
1879	SYMONS, Humphrey	Police Officer	Virginia City PD
1880	WEAVER, William B.	Deputy	Elko SD
1891	CORYELL, Alex R.	Police Officer	Virginia City PD
1905	MULHOLLAND, Joe	Night Watchman	Las Vegas PD
1905	MANON, Harry	Deputy	Nye SD
1906	LOGAN, Thomas	Sheriff	Nye SD
1906	MONAHAN, J.J.	Deputy	Lincoln SD
1907	BROWNE, Charles A.	Police Officer	Reno PD
1907	EVANS, Earnest	Constable	Palisades PD
1907	GILBERT, Edward	Constable	Ely PD
1907	STONE, Fred	Constable	Carlin & Elko PD
1908	STILES, Billy Larkin	Deputy	Humbolt SD
1910	HOLMES, John	Deputy	Humbolt SD
1911	HOGLE, Edward	Posse Member	Nevada SP
1918	WILDES, Mark L.	Sheriff	Churchill SD
1920	ST. CLAIR, Arthur J.	Constable	Deeth PD
1920	REQUA, George	Deputy	Elko SD
1921	NELSON, John R.	Chief of Police	Winnemucca PD
1922	CARTER, Atha	Agent	USTD-Reno



1924	BATES, Eveleigh B.	Special Agent	Huxley, NV
1925	LEWIS, Charles A.	Deputy	Elko SD
1926	CAMPBELL, Earnest E.	Marshal	Ely PD
1926	WHITMORE, Bryant *	Guard	Nevada DOP
1928	ALLEN, John	Deputy	Clark SD
1931	PETERSON, Ross	Police Officer	Reno PD
1932	CHIARA, Lawrence	Deputy	Lander SD
1932	LONG, Herbert D.	Police Officer	Ely PD
1933	MAY, Ernest J.	Police Officer	Las Vegas PD
1933	LAMB, Selah Graham	Sheriff	Humbolt SD
1937	COTANT, George	Constable	Elko SD
1938	TATTAZZI, James	Sheriff	Eureka SD
1941	DRIETZLER, Clifford	Deputy	White Pine SD
1941	McMANUS, Frank J.	Private	Nevada SP
1942	BERNING, Adolph H.	Constable	Carlin PD
1947	GRIFFITH, Earl	Deputy	Washoe SD
1947	GEACH, Leroy J.	Captain	Reno PD
1947	GLASS, Allen A.	Sergeant	Reno PD
1948	CHANDLER, George	Sergeant	Nevada SP
1948	GALLAGHER, Hugh J.	Deputy Sheriff	Storey SD
1950	HANSEN, Winnie A.	Deputy	Clark SD
1952	MAROON, William	Police Officer	Tonopah PD
1954	MILLER, George*	Guard	Nevada DOP
1955	NEILL, William	Deputy	White Pine SD
1955	DULA, Robert F. Jr.	Police Officer	Las Vegas PD
1955	McGEE, Wilbur	Police Officer	Las Vegas PD
1956	MEAGHER, Edward F.	Police Officer	Henderson PD
1957	HART, George A.	Deputy	Clark SD
1961	McGUIRE, Robert	Sergeant	NHP
1963	McDANIEL, Daniel E.	Deputy	Carson City SD
1964	SCHMIDTLEIN, Lawrence E.	Deputy	Lander SD
1966	FORTYE, William R.	Police Officer	Las Vegas PD
1966	BARRA, George	Sheriff	Nye SD
1966	MASLACH, John A.	Deputy	Nye SD
1966	NELSON, Fred	Deputy	Lander SD
1967	DEWEERT, Paul	Police Officer	Las Vegas PD
1968	BURNER, Thomas	Officer	UNR PD
1969	MILLS, Michael J.	Res. Officer	Reno PD
1973	SLAGLE, James	Police Officer	N. Las Vegas PD
1975	WALTERS, Clyde	Police Officer	Elko PD
1975	GIFFORD, Gary	Trooper	NHP
1975	HASKELL, Ronald	Agent	Carson City P&P
1977	LOVE, Craig Alan	Police Officer	Caliente PD
1978	ROGAN, James R.	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
1979	HARBIN, James W. II	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
1979	CHELIUS, Ronald	Investigator	NDI
1979	HOFF, James D.	Detective	Reno PD
1979	WOOLDRIDGE, Clark A.	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
1982	TATUM, Vincent*	Sergeant	Clark Corrections
1984	RICE, George T.	Deputy	Lyon SD
1988	KAHRE, Marc Alan	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
1988	JOHNSON, Gary Lee	Deputy	Esmeralda SD
1990	BAILEY, John L.	Special Agent	FBI Las Vegas
1992	PETERSON, Daniel M.	Trooper	NHP
1992	DOWNS, Gary R.	Deputy	Nye SD

1992	WEEESE, Donald C.	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
1993	BORLAND, Carlos	Trooper	NHP
1994	WILLSON, Richard L.	Sergeant	Mineral Co SO
1995	ELIZONDO, Raul P.	Police Officer	N. Las Vegas PD
1995	JOHNSON, Larry	Police Officer	Sparks PD
1996	HASHIMOTO, Keith T.	Police Officer	Reno PD
1997	MINETTO, Anthony S.	Agent	INS Reno
1997	Not Written	Deputy	Washoe SD
1997	MAKI, Travis H.	Sergeant	Elko SD
1998	SULLIVAN, George	Sergeant	UNR PD
1998	PETERSON, Russell	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
1998	CALLAHAN, Edward	Deputy	Douglas SD
1998	SPENCER, Jack	Agent	BIA
1999	SIMONS, Charles W. III	Police Officer	Nellis AFB SP
2001	SPENCER, Creighton T.	Police Officer	BIA
2001	BOHACH, John C.	Police Officer	Reno PD
2002	SCOFIELD, Michael R.	Police Officer	Reno PD
2004	WIBERG, John II	Deputy	Washoe SD
2006	PRENDES, Henry ref: henrysplace.org	Sergeant	Las Vegas MPD
2007	MENUEZ, Adam	Police Officer	Fallon Tribal PD
2008	BORGOGNONE, Kara	Trooper	NV DPS HP
2009	BEITEL 3rd, Milburn "Millie"	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
2009	LEACH, Daniel*	Correctional Officer	Las Vegas MPD
2009	MANOR, James	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
2009	NETTLETON, Trevor	Police Officer	Las Vegas MPD
2010	COOPER, Stanley W.	Special Deputy Marshall	Las Vegas US DOJ
2010	DEUTCH, Ian	Deputy	Nye Co Sheriffs As of April, 2010

* Guard Isaacs died of an injury he received when he was shot during an escape attempt from the Nevada State Penitentiary.

* Guard Whitmore was killed while detailed to assist with fighting a large brush fire on the outskirts Carson City, Nevada. Guard Whitmore had made it clear of the flames but re-entered the burn zone to attempt to rescue another man who was fighting the fire.

* Officer Miller was shot and killed during a prison break from the Nevada State Prison in Carson City. Two high-risk suspects took him hostage as he backed a milk truck up to the prison kitchen. They forced him to drive the truck out of the prison. Other guards opened fire on the truck as it went through the main gate. The truck was disabled by the gunfire and the three suspects fled on foot. Officer Miller's body was found in the truck. The suspects were eventually apprehended.

* Nevada Department of Corrections Sgt. Vincent Tatum, 26, was murdered in Las Vegas in 1982 as a result of an investigation he was conducting at one of the prisons. His killer remains unknown.

* Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Correctional Officer Daniel Leach, 49, killed on Nov. 21, 2009, as the result of a motor vehicle accident while driving a prisoner transport van.



IN VALOR THERE IS HOPE

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the Memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people.

The Memorial features two curving, 304-foot-long blue-gray marble walls. Carved on these walls are the names of more than 19,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1791. Unlike many other memorials in Washington, DC, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is ever-changing: new names of fallen officers are added to the monument each spring, in conjunction with National Police Week.



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Designed by architect Davis Buckley, the Memorial sits on three acres of federal park land in an area of Washington, DC called Judiciary Square, the historic seat of our nation's judicial branch of government. The Memorial's central plaza features an intricate paving pattern and a bronze medallion with the Memorial Fund logo: a blue shield with a red rose draped across it.

Bordering the Memorial's beautifully landscaped park are the two tree-lined "pathways of remembrance" where the names of the fallen officers are engraved. Each of the pathway entrances is adorned with powerful statuary grouping of an adult lion protecting its cubs. Sculpted by Raymond Kaskey, the bronze statues symbolize the protective role of law enforcement officers and convey the strength, courage and valor that are hallmarks of those who serve and protect. Below each lion is carved a different quotation: "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived." —Vivian Eney Cross, Survivor

"In valor there is hope." —Tacitus

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are as bold as a lion." —Proverbs 28:1

"Carved on these walls is the story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream." —President George H.W. Bush

The following poem was written by Correctional Officer, Albert Small from South Carolina:

Walking A Beat Surrounded By Concrete

We walk a beat that the average citizen will never see
For 8 - 12 - 16 hours a day;
We are several large locked steel doors away from the outside world
The majority of people We deal with and are surrounded by;
Are either convicted or awaiting trial for any array of crimes
We have to get accused murders band aids
We feed Rapist
We provide high level drug dealers soap
All this behind the wall
Our lives behind the call can become monotony
But with every "normal" situation
We are planning and preparing for the abnormal
The people we "serve and protect" are the ones society has deemed not fit for the outside world at this time
But we go on and leave our personal feelings outside the door
The average citizen will never know the sights and smells we cope with in an average day
The days you go from laughing and joking with co-workers over a slice of pizza
To running into a cell covered in blood after someone has sliced themselves
We live our lives going from 99% boredom to 1% sheer terror and back again
We constantly have to defend ourselves from having an inmate one up us
We become hyper skeptical
Questioning everyones intentions
We endure daily verbal attacks
We hope to avoid but not always do physical ones
You dont see our everyday routines on TV
You rarely read about us
But we are there surrounded by concrete and steel
Keeping you safe
24 - 7 - 365
And we will go on silently serving

Written by Albert Small
Correctional Officer

Helping Survivors Survive the Holidays

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. C.O.P.S. provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by Federal criteria. Furthermore, C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

Each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty and their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss. C.O.P.S. provides resources to help them rebuild their shattered lives. There is no membership fee to join C.O.P.S., for the price paid is already too high.

C.O.P.S. was organized in 1984 with 110 individual members. Today C.O.P.S. membership is over 15,000 families. Members include spouses, children, parents, siblings, significant others, and affected co-workers of officers killed in the line of duty according to Federal government criteria. C.O.P.S. is governed by a National Board of law enforcement survivors. All programs and services are administered by the National Office in Camdenton, Missouri. Chapters function in several states at the grass-roots level.

C.O.P.S. programs for survivors include the National Police Survivors' Conference held each May during National Police Week, scholarships, peer-support at the national, state, and local levels, "C.O.P.S. Kids" counseling reimbursement program, the "C.O.P.S. Kids" Summer Camp, "C.O.P.S. Teens" Outward Bound experience for young adults, special retreats for spouses, parents, siblings, adult children, in-laws, and co-workers, trial and parole support, and other assistance programs.

C.O.P.S. knows that a survivor's level of distress is directly affected by the agency's response to the tragedy. C.O.P.S., therefore, offers training and assistance to law enforcement agencies nationwide on how to respond to the tragic loss of a member of the law enforcement profession.

For members of the fallen officer's agency:

1. Simply send a Christmas or holiday card saying "we're thinking of you."
2. Invite the surviving family (spouse, children, parents, siblings, etc.) to any holiday socials the agency or association is planning, *and don't be offended if they decline or don't show up.*
3. Send a gift or gift card.
4. If you setup a Christmas tree in the lobby or at the FOP/association building, invite the family to decorate it. Ask them to make or buy a special ornament that remembers their officer. Consider decorating the tree with blue lights.
5. With anything you do, include ALL family members. Losing an officer impacts not only the spouse, but also the children, parents, siblings, grandparents and other close extended family.

For the survivors:

1. If invited to the department's holiday party, attend if you feel up to it, *but don't feel obligated to go if you're not.* The officers won't be offended if you're a no-show.
2. Establish a new tradition to honor your officer like lighting a candle or buying/making a special ornament.
3. Surround yourself with "safe" people; family and friends who can listen and be there to support you.
4. Don't feel like you have to decorate for the holidays.
5. **Don't hesitate to ask for help.** Reach out to family, coworkers, or other survivors if you need help with something around the house, shopping, or just to talk. No one to talk to call C.O.P.S. at (573) 346-4911.

Cycle of Life Taken for Granted

A sense of security, that is what keeps us safe, allowing us to rest peacefully at night, raise our families and partake in our communities with a sense of pride and camaraderie. However that sense of security does not just happen, it takes the men and women whose lives are dedicated to the profession of law enforcement to protect our security. Those of us outside the law enforcement community cannot understand the type of integrity that motivates someone to protect and serve us. The community involves the entire family and deserves the respect of every person who enjoys the peace and safety that our law enforcement professionals provide. Our officers go to work each day with no guarantee of coming back, and they give day after day after day.

Your bravery, sacrifice and service bless us beyond what mere words like "thank you" can convey.

To all our officers who have lost their life in the line of duty and to those who fall prey to the pressures of the job we salute you and you will never be forgotten.

On behalf of NDOC's Education Services Department, it was both humbling and an honor to compose this newsletter.